

Guiding Word Project

Discipleship Training
2016-2017

Purpose

The purpose of the Guiding Word project is to help Discipleship Trainees to interact with their Guiding Word scripture passages in a meaningful way.

Overview of the project:

At the beginning of Discipleship Training, each participant is asked to choose a Guiding Word scripture passage. This passage will be used weekly and is to be committed to memory by the one who choose it as his/hers. The Guiding Word scripture passage will guide each Discipleship Trainee's project.

Projects are a reflection of the Guiding Word chosen by each Discipleship Trainee. Trainees are to complete a project about how to live out, deepen knowledge of, and/or pass on what they have learned from this scripture. These projects are to be memorable, meaningful, and engaging. They can be carried out as events, service projects or artistic expressions.

Each project is to have a written component about it that includes reflections on the Guiding Word and an explanation of how the project interacts with or is guided by the Guiding Word. Pictures are to be a part of this reflection. Creativity is highly valued in these projects. The written portion should be three pages in length, Times New Roman Font, 12 point, double space, margins set at 1". Pictures can be added at the end of the project, or inserted within the writing, provided the written portion is three pages in length before the photos are set within the text.

Complete your project by creating a tri-fold display poster-board that gives an overview of your project. This display should have pictures and text. Your Guiding Word Scripture should be clearly posted on that display.

Each Discipleship Trainee will submit a written proposal for their project. This project proposal will include the following:

1. The Guiding Word written out fully and properly cited
2. A paragraph or two telling what your project will be
3. A paragraph or two telling how your project relates to your Guiding Word
4. A timeline for completing your project

The completed written portion of the project should include the following portions:

Introduction

- Introduce your project in an engaging way

Part 1: The Guiding Word

- What is the scripture
- What is its background? Who wrote it? To whom was it written? How as it originally used?
- Why did you choose it?
- What does it mean to you?

Part 2: The Project

- What is the project?

- What happened?
- How does it connect to your Guiding Word? How is your Guiding Word reflected in the project?

Part 3: Learnings

- What did you learn about your guiding word?
- What did your project teach you?

Closing

- Summarize the project
- Summarize what you learned
- Add any other conclusions you might have.

Project Example 1:

Cameron chose the following for his Guiding Word:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. (Psalm 51:10-12)

He decided to interact with his scripture by doing the following:

Cameron learned this verse in sign language and taught it to the children of the Sunday school. Then, he reflected on this experience and wrote about what he did and what he learned while interacting with his chosen Guiding Word. He gathered his reflections and pictures of his doing the project and put them into a book that included a tutorial for how to teach this verse in sign language.

Example 2:

Sierra chose the following for her Guiding Word:

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. (Ephesians 2:10)

She interacted with her scripture by doing the following:

Sierra decided to make five baby blankets for the clothing closet run by a local congregation. She embroidered this verse on each blanket. Then, she wrote about her decision to do this project as a reflection on the Guiding Word. She put this reflection into a book with pictures of her making the blankets, emphasizing that she was doing a good work in the name of Jesus because that is who God created her to be.

Guiding Word Project Timeline:

September 9: Trainees will be given a list of Guiding Word options from which to choose.

September 23: Trainees will announce their Guiding Word for the year.

October 14: Trainees will submit a written project proposal to PJ.

January 6: Drafts of written portion of project are due to PJ.

January 13: PJ's Response to your drafts returned to you.

January 27: Completed projects are due and presented by the students - for Parents and Community

- Event will run until 8:30 or 9:00

January 31, February 7 and 14: Completed projects will be on display in the upper sanctuary.